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**NEW AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION**  
**IRAQ**

1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: A MAJOR AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY IN IRAQ.
2. (S/D) REMARKS: FIVE NEWLY IDENTIFIED AIRFIELDS WERE OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN IRAQ ON [REDACTED] TEN NEW AIRFIELDS HAVE IDENTIFIED UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN IRAQ SINCE FEBRUARY 1981 (FIGURE 1).

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(S/D) BASHUR AIRFIELD NEW [REDACTED] 67 NM NORTHEAST OF MOSUL AT 36-31-37N 044-20-13E AND 0.5 NM EAST OF BASHUR AIRFIELD [REDACTED] WAS OBSERVED IN THE EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION [REDACTED] THIS AIRFIELD CONSISTS OF A 2,600-X 67-METER NORTHWEST/SOUTHEAST RUNWAY AND A PARKING APRON. THE AIRFIELD WAS NOT PRESENT [REDACTED]

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(S/D) SAMARRA AIRFIELD EAST [REDACTED], 76 NM NORTH-NORTHEAST OF BAGHDAD AT 34-09-00N 044-16-30E, WAS OBSERVED IN THE EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION ON IMAGERY [REDACTED] THE AIRFIELD CONSISTS OF A 3,000-X 56-METER NORTHWEST/SOUTHEAST RUNWAY WITH A PARALLEL TAXIWAY AND A PARKING APRON. THIS AIRFIELD WAS NOT PRESENT [REDACTED]

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(S/D) BALAD AIRFIELD SOUTHEAST [REDACTED] 35 NM NORTH-NORTHWEST OF BAGHDAD AT 33-56-30N 044-16-00E, WAS OBSERVED IN MID-TO-LATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION [REDACTED] (FIGURE 2). THIS MAJOR AIRFIELD CONSISTS OF TWO 3,400-X 60-METER NORTHWEST/SOUTHEAST CONCRETE RUNWAYS (ONE IN FINAL STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION), TWO PARALLEL TAXIWAYS, THREE CROSSOVER LINKS, 19 HIGH-SPEED APPROACHES, 36 HARDENED AIRCRAFT SHELTERS (5 COMPLETED), THREE PARKING APRONS, AND ONE LARGE SUPPORT AREA. THIS AIRFIELD WAS NOT PRESENT [REDACTED]

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(S/D) SHAYKA MAZHAR AIRFIELD [REDACTED], 24 NM SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF BAGHDAD AT 32-56-00N 044-40-00E, WAS OBSERVED IN

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THE EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION ON IMAGERY [REDACTED] THE  
AIRFIELD CONSISTS OF A 4,000-X 60-METER NORTHWEST/SOUTHEAST  
RUNWAY WITH A PARALLEL TAXIWAY. AND A PARKING APRON. THIS  
AIRFIELD WAS NOT PRESENT [REDACTED]

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(S/D) ASH SHAMIYAH AIRFIELD [REDACTED] 38 NM WEST-  
SOUTHWEST OF AL BASRAH AT 30-21-01N 047-10-22E, WAS OBSERVED  
IN THE EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION [REDACTED]  
THE AIRFIELD CONSISTS OF A 3,000-X 54-METER  
NORTHWEST/SOUTHEAST RUNWAY WITH A PARALLEL TAXIWAY AND A  
PARKING APRON. THIS AIRFIELD WAS NOT PRESENT [REDACTED]  
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(S/D) ADDITIONAL AIRFIELDS OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION SINCE  
[REDACTED] INCLUDE; TUZ KHURMATU AIRFIELD NEW WNW [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AL BASRAH AIRFIELD NEW [REDACTED] KUT AL.  
HAYV AIRFIELD EAST [REDACTED]; QALAT SIKAR AIRFIELD [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND QALAT SALIH AIRFIELD [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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